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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jamisue A. Webb

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

In response to after final amendment filed 1/24/06.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-26, and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Quackenbush et al. (US 6,512,964).

3. With respect to Claims 1, 2, 25 and 26: Quackenbush discloses the use of a method and system associated with a baggage handling system (see abstract) comprising the steps of:

- a. Obtaining a passenger identifier for a passenger (See Figure 7),
- b. Obtaining passenger baggage (414),
- c. Obtaining a destination address for delivery (412).
- d. Providing an optimal shipping plan for the baggage (Figures 7, number 3.3 3.3.1.1 Column 5, lines 43-52).
- e. Delivering passenger baggage to destination address (416, 418).
- f. Maintaining delivery information about delivery of baggage (Column 3, lines 37-60).

4. With respect to Claim 3, 32: See Figure 4.

5. With respect to Claims 5 and 6: See Figure 5A.

6. With respect to Claim 7: See Figure 5D.

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7. With respect to Claim 8: Column 3, lines 37-60.
8. With respect to Claims 9 and 10: Column 5, lines 50-67.
9. With respect to Claim 11: Column 3, lines 37-60 and Column 4, lines 17-52.
10. With respect to Claim 12: Column 3, lines 51-60.
11. With respect to Claims 13-15: The travel is Quackenbush, is not international travel, therefore does not need to meet this requirement, and the limitation is anticipated by Quackenbush.
12. With respect to Claim 16: See Figure 7, Column 5, lines 30-42.
13. With respect to Claims 17 and 30: Column 5, lines 43-52.
14. With respect to Claims 18 and 31: Column 3, lines 11-36, and Column 4, lines 43-52
15. With respect to Claim 19: Column 3, lines 11-36 and Column 5, lines 1-12.
16. With respect to Claim 20: Column Column 2, lines 1-17 and Column 3, lines 11-35.
17. With respect to Claim 21: Column 3, lines 1-36.
18. With respect to Claim 22: Column 5, lines 43-67.
19. With respect to Claim 23: Column 5, lines 31-42.
20. With respect to Claim 24: Column 3, lines 37-60.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 4, 27-29, 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Quackenbush et al. in view of Berson (5,598,477)).

3. With respect to Claims 4, 27-29, 33 and 34: Quackenbush, as disclosed above, fails to disclose the use of printing/issuing a boarding pass with bar-coded information on it. Berson discloses the use of an apparatus and method of issuing tickets such as boarding passes which contain barcodes, with coded passenger, flight and baggage information (Abstract, Column 3, lines 52-59, Column 4, lines 23-33 and Column 4, lines 58-67). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Quackenbush, to include the printing system and method of Berson, in order to provide a method for securely issuing tickets and for automatically validating the tickets at time of use. (See Berson, Column 1)

Response to Arguments

4. With respect to Applicant's argument that Quackenbush fails to teach the baggage handling system providing an optimal shipping plan: The claims of the invention disclose providing an optimal shipping plan, but are silent as to how the shipping plan is derived, and what information is used to formulate an "optimal" shipping plan, it merely states providing one. Quackenbush discloses a shipping plan, therefore the examiner considers this to be the optimal plan. It should also be noted, that the claims are not drawn to delivering the baggage according to the optimal plan, it says providing one, then delivering the baggage, but never claims the baggage is delivered using the optimal plan. The applicant has also argued that the system of Quackenbush does not disclose an optimization system, as disclosed above, the claims are

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merely directed to an optimization system, and not drawn to features of the system which lead to the optimization, therefore the system of Quackenbush provides a plan, and the examiner considers this to be the optimal plan.

5. With respect to the 103 rejection, the prior art used, was considered to have an incorrect date, and therefore a new 103 rejection has been issued above. However, the current action is still considered to be final due to the fact that if the reference applied above, was applied in the previous action, it could have been made final at that time. Therefore, the current action is made final based on the amendment filed 5/16/05.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Panek (US 2003/0120510) discloses the use of a system for purchasing airline tickets and shipping the baggage separately from the passenger.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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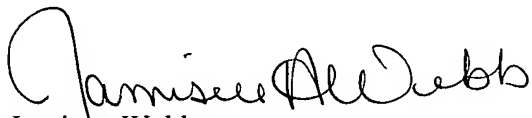
however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

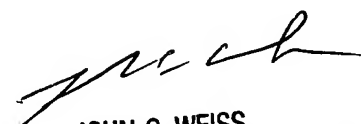
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamisue A. Webb whose telephone number is (571) 272-6811.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 - 4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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